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FOR PRODUCER/CONSUMER MEETING

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1. AT JULY 14 MEETING MFA/COMMERCE OFFICER HANS EWERLOF, WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM HOLIDAY, EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH GOVERNING BOARD (GB) MEETING, JUNE 30-JULY 2, IN PARIS. BOARD DECISIONS, HE SAID, DID NOT FORCE SWEDEN TO TAKE POSITION ON "FLOOR PRICE". HE SAID THERE WAS NO UNANIMITY OF VIEWS AT MEETING BUT THERE WAS NO SERIOUS DEVELOPMENT TO DETRACT FROM MOMENTUM TOWARD IEA OBJECTIVES.
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2. REFERRING TO DAVINGON DOCUMENT (REF B), EWERLOF SAID HIS COMMERCE MINISTER (KJELL-OLOF FELDT) EXPRESSED UNHAPPINESS REGARDING INCLUSION OF THREE COMMISSIONS (PARTICULARLY COMMODITY & DEVELOPMENT) UNDER AEGIS OF IEA. FELDT THOUGHT, IF MATTERS OTHER THAN ENERGY ARE TO BE EXPLORED, UMBRELLA SHOULD BE OECD. EWERLOF SAID FELDT'S CONCERNS WERE EASED WITH EXPLANATIONS HE SUPPLIED.

3. ON PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOGUE AND ROLE OF THREE COMMIS-SIONS (ENERGY, COMMODITY AND DEVELOPMENT), EWERLOF REFERRED TO HIS TALKS FOLLOWING GB MEETING WITH A FRENCH GOVERNEMTN REPRESENTATIVE. FRENCH, HE SAID, WERE NOT VERY CLEAR ON THEIR VIEWS BUT HE RECEIVED IMPRESSION THEY MIGHT BE CONSIDERING CALLING FOR A MEETING OF TEN (INCLUDING NON-IEA MEMBERS) TO ACT AS SPONSOR OF THREE COMMISSIONS. HE AGREED THIS MADE NO SENSE SINCE MEETING OF TEN HAS NO LEGAL STATUS. IN ANY CASE, EWERLOF WAS CONCERNED WITH LACK OF RAPPORT BETWEEN FRANCE AND IEA MEMBERS.

4. IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A BETTER FEEL OF PRODUCER ATTITUDES, EWERLOF SAID GOS HAD SENT INSTRUCTIONS TO THEIR POSTS IN ALGERIA AND VENEZUELA (WHERE PRIME MINISTER PALME VISITED RECENTLY) TO SOUND OUT HOST COUNTRIES ON HOW BEST TO PROCEED WITH DIALOGUE. GOS HAD RECEIVED NO RESPONSE AS YET BUT EXPECTED TO SHORTLY. SUCH INFORMATION AS MAY BE USEFUL, HE SAID, WOULD BE MENTIONED AT NEXT GB MEETING. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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